

Tuesday 6th July 2021

Dear Walnut Class,

Welcome to **Year 6 Aspen Class** and what is sure to be a great final year for you at Harefield Junior School. My name is **Mr Hackman** and I will be your teacher in year 6, while **Mrs Thomas** will be the learning support assistant. We are both incredibly excited to meet you in September, and we can't wait to get to know you all. Mrs Lindsay has had plenty of good things to say to us about Walnut Class, so I am sure you will all be just as fantastic as the new Aspen!



It is possible that you are already aware that, in year 6, a lot of time and hard work is spent in preparation for the SATs in May and some of you may be feeling a little anxious about those tests. I would like to say now that you do not need to worry. Mrs Thomas and I have a lot of experience working with year 6 and are ready to help you to achieve your best. As a year 6 team we will all be working to help and support you at every step of the way. It may seem daunting now, but I am certain you will be full of confidence when the time comes to sit the tests.

SATs aside, we will be kept busy exploring topics including the impact of the world wars, the Ancient Greeks and Mayans. In geography, we study the Amazon in South America, how to protect our environment and 'Our world in the future'. In science we will deepen our knowledge of electricity and light, explore adaptation and inheritance and conduct lots of investigations. All that on top of the maths, English, PSHE, RE, Art and Design and PE that we will squeeze into each week as well.

There will be a few challenges, but we will also have tonnes of fun and some highlight moments which I hope that you will remember fondly. This year we are fortunate enough to be able to have a term of swimming lessons, which for Aspen Class will take place in the Summer term. You will have the opportunity and responsibility this year of taking on prefect roles, helping out at assemblies and other school events. This year it is once again possible to plan for school trips and I already can't wait for our end of year 6 get away to PGL! Then of course there is the school production, your chance to take to the stage in a final farewell to Harefield Junior School before eventually saying your goodbyes and starting on the next part of your school journey into secondary school. What a lot to look forward to!

If you'd like to say hello before September and write me a message to tell me a bit about yourself, you can ask a parent to help you send me an email at beechclass@harefieldjunior.com.

We can't wait to get started. See you all in September!